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Reginald M. Tiller Named Superintendent of Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument

DENVER – Reginald M. Tiller, a doctorate student at Regent University, Virginia Beach, Virginia, has been named Superintendent of Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument in Colorado. The announcement was made today by Intermountain Regional Director Steve Martin. Tiller will assume his new responsibilities effective April 3, 2005.



Reginald M. Tiller

"I am truly excited about being appointed superintendent of Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, and the opportunity to work for the National Park Service," said Tiller. "I am especially looking forward to working with the park staff and the local community to enhance educational and interpretive opportunities to preserve and protect park resources for this unique site."

Tiller is currently serving as the executive director for the YMCA of Greater Charlotte in North Carolina. In 1987, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in athletic training from Trevecca Nazarene University - Nashville, Tennessee. He received a Master of Arts degree in organizational management in 1998, also from Trevecca Nazarene University. Tiller is currently a student at Regent University's School of Leadership distance program, and has completed two years towards his Ph.D.

As the executive director for the YMCA, he was directly responsible for chartering a new, 43,000 square feet facility, developing and implementing programs and services for the community, as well as recruiting and training new staff and volunteers. The highlight of his term as executive director was receiving a \$1 million donation from Charlotte Bobcats owner, Bob Johnson, to establish an endowment fund for the West Boulevard YMCA.

Tiller has worked for the Charlotte, West Boulevard YMCA since 2000. Previously, he worked for YMCAs in Nashville, Portland and Chattanooga. Other jobs include Human Resource Specialist for United Parcel Service, and State Park Manager and Assistant Director for Tennessee State Parks in Memphis and Nashville. He served in the Army National Guard in Tennessee and Oregon from 1987 – 1999, and supported Operation Desert Shield/Storm while assigned with the 7th Medical Command in Heidelberg, Germany.

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"Reggie brings to park management the experience necessary to foster effective community relations and develop long-term plans for cooperative management," said Martin. "He brings to the job a strong understanding of leadership and partnership building."

As Superintendent of Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, Tiller will be responsible for the management of approximately 5,998 acres, a staff of 12, and an annual operating budget of more than \$632,000. A beautiful mountain valley just west of Pikes Peak, Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument holds spectacular remnants of the earth's prehistoric life. Huge petrified redwoods and incredibly detailed fossils of ancient insects and plants reveal a very different Colorado of long ago.

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